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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 25TH 1909.

SOME two or three years ago the Hongkong Daily Press suggested as the natural sequel to the Cape to Cairo Railway, then occupying much attention, the advisability of supplementing it by the even more feasible project of a Cairo to India Railway, which we showed from an engineering point of view was quite feasible, and which would reduce to almost insignificant dimensions the present, still heroic, overland route from Europe to India. Starting from Ismailia, we proposed to carry a line round the head of the Gulf of Akabah, and thence, taking advantage of the comparatively fertile uplands of Shomer and Nedjed, to cross Arabia to the flanks of the Jebel Ernek, which it would follow to Koweit. Though there are no superficial rivers, flowing as in most parts of the world on the surface, this district of Arabia is known to have extensive underground waterways, and along almost the entire of the route sketched well sunk little below the surface are at short intervals available for irrigation. The moist subsoil, and the comparative elevation, the tableland lying at an average height of a thousand feet over sea level, is influential in lowering the mean temperature, so that with the exception of a few weeks after the summer solstice the climate of the districts may be described as fairly

temperate. We have for long been on friendly terms with the many of the more settled populations of Arabia, and throughout these districts the wandering Bedouins have always been subservient to the civil administration. A greater difficulty would, of course be found in the fact that these civil administrations in this part of Arabia, belong for the most part to the fanatic sect of the Wahabees, yet there are indications that if we succeeded in convincing them that the construction of the railway would be the most effective means for preserving them from Turkish encroachments, the present opposition to intercourse with the outer world would of itself cease. In fact the girde that Turkey has succeeded in the past in putting round Arabia is one of the main causes of the exclusiveness of the Wahabee governments to strangers, whom hitherto they have always classed with Turks. A few years ago, while the Hejaz Railway was still in contemplation, any proposal for crossing Arabia would have met with determined opposition from Turkey, as interfering with her supposed rights. The actual construction of the line has now, however, altered the position; so far, in fact, from the objection that the proposed line would be in any way interfered with the traffic on the Hedjaz Railway, the suggested railway, which would cross it at right angles at the head of the Gulf of Akabah, would be a direct benefit to the Turkish line, inasmuch as it would become one of its most important contributors, tapping in its interest important pilgrim traffic from southern Persia, as well as from Afghanistan, Beluchistan and Mohammedan India. Thanks to recent events in Turkey, the political jealousies which for some years alienated from England the Government of Sultan ABDUL HAMID have in a great measure ceased, or been exchanged for friendship, so that any great opposition here is not to be apprehended.

A new proposal to which we have alluded at the head of this article, appears in the Nineteenth Century for January, and is from the pen of Mr. C. E. D. BLACK, who from his former position in the Indian Service, where he was in charge of the Geographical Department, is eminently qualified to judge of the practicability of the route. Practically the western portion of the line is the same as that previously suggested in the Daily Press, but Mr. BLACK goes further in suggesting its extension through Persia, right up to the frontiers of India, where it would join the already existing Peninsular system of railways. Starting from Port Said or Ismailia, the line would cross the Suez Canal, and traverse the Sinaitic Peninsula to the head of the Gulf of Akabah. So far the two suggestions are identical. From that Mr. BLACK proposes that the line should ascend the Wady-el Itam to the rocky plateau of Northern Arabia, which he would traverse, as nearly as possible, in a direct line, to the oasis of el Juf, and thence on to Basra. There are, he acknowledges, many objections to be urged against this route, which would not be encountered in that suggested by ourselves. The plateau is on the whole higher, and is far more rocky. It is for the most part, if not all the way over volcanic formations, and is exceedingly rugged, and more difficult to cross with a line of railway, while, except in the oasis of el Juf, the country is uninhabited except by the wildest of the Bedouin tribes. Except for the springs in the oasis itself, there is absolutely no water to be had, so that all needed for the service of the train or for the needs of the passengers would have to be carried. The gradients would besides be far more difficult. On the other hand the route would be shorter, possibly by some 150 or even two hundred miles, but this point could only be accurately ascertained after survey. The more southern route through Shomer and Nedjed would have the enormous advantage on the other hand of passing through a fairly well-peopled district, where there are to be found numerous towns and villages and an industrious settled population; the route is likewise, and this would be one of its main recommendations, outside the usual track of Bedouin incursions.

So far the Arabian portion of the lines would offer no insurmountable difficulties, and would probably be of itself fairly remunerative, but it is in the Persian section suggested by Mr. BLACK, that real difficulties would have to be surmounted; the line would cross in fact the main axis of the mountain ranges of southern Persia, which have, at all times proved a serious obstacle in the way of transport. Though various districts are fertile they are separated by alternate mountain ranges and waterless desert, and towns are few and at long intervals. Mr. BLACK does not here profess to name a suitable route, further than to suggest that it would have more or

less to follow the Karun. The differences of level and the ascents and descents, are here far more formidable than in the case of the crossing of Arabia, while there is a great, or possibly still greater difficulty with regard to water. In any case, and this applies with redoubled force to the Persian section, there would be scarcely any local traffic to depend on, so that the question for the financier of the line to consider would be whether the terminal traffic would compensate for the initial difficulties and uncertainties. That sooner or later a direct railway to India will become a political necessity, no one who has studied the great Eastern question of the day can ignore. Meanwhile it is both useful and interesting that the many possible routes should be freely discussed, so that each may add a little to our preliminary knowledge of the subject. Here in China, we are, even though more distantly, still actually interested. Already China is beginning to make approaches towards extending her railway system into Shensi and Kansu; and the same impelling motive which is urging her so far must of necessity compel her to attack the problem of Eastern Turkestan. How Eastern Turkestan and India may be put into effectual communication with one another is, it is true, not likely to become in the near future a matter of practical import, but there is no escaping the future necessity of providing some more satisfactory method than as yet presents itself for accomplishing the desired result. The great reason why in the past Asia, whose civilisation is of far older birth than that of Europe has permitted the latter to beat her in the race of civilisation, is, of course, the difficulty of communication. Anything which will tend to place Asia on an equal footing in this respect, will *pari passu* act towards removing the discrepancy; and the end becomes a worthy ambition for all those who desire to advance the material prosperity of the greatest of the continents.

The Volunteers have their second parade this season on Sunday, March 7th, when they attend divine service at the Union Church.

The Inspector General of Garrison Artillery will inspect the Volunteer Artillery Companies at drill at headquarters on March 8th.

H. E. The Governor will present the prizes at Kowloon School to-morrow, February 26th, at 11 a.m. Parents and friends of pupils are invited to be present.

Two Chinese arrested for being concerned in the Kowloon affair in which pepper was thrown in the eyes of the houseboy engaged by a captain Spink, Lochiel Terrace, were brought before the Magistrate yesterday, and remanded.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Salzman are so well-known and popular in Singapore, that the marriage last week of their younger daughter, Miss Nellie Salzman, with Mr. John Griffiths, of Soremban, F.M.S., in accordance with the general fitness of things, created much more than the usual local interest in such happy events.

A summary case in which Man Lee Chan and Co. against the International Banking Corporation for the recovery of \$840 said to be payable under a bank draft, was to have been heard before Mr. Justice Gompertz at the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon. As a previous case, however, would take the greater part of the afternoon, his Lordship adjourned the hearing until Monday.

Bookings for the production of "The Silver King" may be made at Montic and Company's. The proceeds will be devoted to charity, and the good work of the amateur, combined with philanthropic motives, ought to ensure as large an attendance as at the first performances. Those who have not seen the Kowloon Amateur Dramatic Society's work ought not to miss the opportunity afforded by the repeat performance on March 6th.

The accounts of the Anglo-German Brewery Co. Ltd. of Shanghai show a balance at credit of profit and loss account of \$22,338.60. As this was insufficient to pay a dividend, the directors deemed it desirable to propose that the amount be written off for depreciation of cash, machinery and property accounts, as specified in the report, amounting to \$21,000, and carrying forward the balance of \$1,338.60 to this year's account. This appropriation, the Chairman said, will materially strengthen the position of the Company. The directors look forward to a decidedly improved business during the current year and trust that at the next annual meeting they will be able to present considerably more favourable accounts.

A gasfitter who was sent to a house to remove certain fittings at the request of the occupier did not produce his authority from the Gas Company, but instead showed his certificate as a gasfitter. This somehow roused the suspicion of the inmates who thought the man had come with the intention of stealing the fittings, and they decided to retain him pending the arrival of the police. The gasfitter repeated this and when they would not let him go he used his hammer and knocked one of the men into the side channel. The latter rising quickly determined to pay off the injury and gave the gasfitter more than he desired, so that when both men appeared before Mr. Wood at the Magistrate's yesterday they were considerably disfigured. Mr. Wood ordered both of them to pay a fine of ten dollars each.

A London telegram dated Feb. 9, to the *Jiji* says:—Traffic on the Siberian Railway is very active, but despite this the working of the line for the present fiscal year shows a loss of £220,000. The loss is attributed to the low rates of fares for emigrants from Russia proper and also to the low rates charged on butter exported from Siberia to Europe, but in reality poor showing is due to the bad management of the railway.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by those who attended the quadrille party given by the Royal Artillery Sergeants' Games Club at the Mess, Victoria Barracks, on Tuesday night. The decorations, which were the work of an energetic committee, were superb, while the minor details which tend to make a function of this kind a success, had not been overlooked. There was a large attendance, which included a number of military officers, and there can be no doubt that all enjoyed themselves immensely. Company Sergeant-Major Owen acted as M.C., and dancing continued merrily until the early hours of morning.

CANTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

February 23rd.
DELAY IN REGISTRATION OF TITLE DEEDS.
Shortly after the opening of the official seals several persons petitioned the Provincial Treasurer complaining that the Chief Clerk of the Department for the Registration of Leasehold Property at the Provincial Treasurer's Yamen had detained the assignments and title deeds of the properties purchased by them, which were sent in for registration several months ago and that all registration fees and stamp duty, (6 per cent. on the consideration money,) were paid in at the time the deeds were handed to the Chief Clerk. The petitioners stated that the long delay in returning the deeds and the numerous lame excuses proffered by the clerks whenever they went to obtain the deeds had caused them to suspect that the clerks had either embezzled the fees and stamp duty or that they had fraudulently made use of their title deeds to raise money.

The Chief Clerk performed the vanishing act on the day the petitions were presented, he being the principal culprit. Treasurer Woo after giving instructions to the police to look for the Chief Clerk issued the following proclamation:— "This proclamation is issued to inform property owners and the chief clerks of the Department for the Registration of Leasehold Property in all the District Magistrates in the Province that in future whenever people send in assignments of properties for registration the chief clerk of these departments must forward them to the Bureau of Registration in their respective Districts within five days on receipt of same for the fixing of the official seal on the deeds. All assignments and title deeds connected with property sent in for registration must be returned to the owners within fifteen days from the time the stamp duty is paid. If the deeds are not returned to the owners within that time owners are at liberty to institute an action against the registration departments and investigation will be made with a view to the punishment of the delinquent clerk. Any person who attempts to pay less than the full amount of stamp duty will be severely fined."

SHORT OF FUNDS TO DEFRAY POLICE EXPENSES.

Wong Taotai, the Chief of Police here, being short of funds, owing to the destruction of the flower boats by fire at Tai-shan-tan and the consequent diminution in the taxes collected both from the flower boats and their inmates, has petitioned Viceroy Chang to grant \$4,000 a month to defray police expenses. His Excellency has instructed the Bureau of Local Affairs to pay the amount. This is a wise decision as the raising of new taxes from other sources might cause trouble, because the people are having rather hard times and business is slack everywhere.

NEW COPPER COINS.

The Viceroy has given instructions to the Director of the Provincial Mints to strike \$50,000 worth of copper cents every month. The design of the new copper coins will be exactly the same as the old one. The colour, of course, will bear the new designation of the reign—Shun Tung.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council is called for this afternoon.

The business includes the following:—
"Resolution by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, Resolved that the valuation of the assets and liabilities of the Widows and Orphans Pension Fund, contemplated under Section 18 of the Widows and Orphans Pension Ordinance 1908, shall be made at the rate of 1s. 10d. to the dollar."

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Follock will ask the following question:—
"Will the Government state what would be approximately the cost of putting up a fixed light to indicate the South-eastern entrance to the Capesman Pass?"

The orders of the day are:—
First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance further to amend The Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899.

First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorize for public purposes the Reclamation of certain portions of the Crown foreshore and sea bed situate in Hinghung Bay in the Colony of Hongkong and to validate such reclamation as has heretofore taken place.

Third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Magistrates Ordinance 1890 and to effect certain other amendments in the Criminal Law.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE AMERICAN BATTLESHIP FLEET.

LONDON, February 23rd.

The United States Battleship Fleet on its arrival at Hampton Roads was greeted by enormous crowds.

President Roosevelt reviewed the Fleet and in a speech emphasized the fact that this was the first Battleship Fleet that had ever circumnavigated the Globe and returned with increased efficiency as a war machine. It had also been the best possible of all ambassadors of peace.

A LIBERAL SPLIT STILL THREATENING

LONDON, February 23rd.

The "Daily Chronicle" reverts to the anxiety felt in Liberal circles regarding the Government's Naval plans and says that the alienation from the Cabinet of some of its supporters is undoubtedly growing.

THE CURE OF LEPROSY.

LONDON, February 24th.

Captain Williams of Bushire, addressing a Medical Congress at Bombay, announced that as a result of experiments with Deycke's Nastin treatment extending over eight months he had cured two lepers; two others had been approximately cured and a fifth patient had remarkably improved.

A NEW KNIGHT OF THE GARTER.

LONDON, February 24th.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to bestow the Most Noble Order of the Garter on the Earl of Durham.

[The Earl of Durham is a brother of Vice-Admiral Hon. Sir Hedworth Lamton, K.C.B.]

[FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."]

REPUDIATION OF DEBTS.

PEKING, February 24th.

The Board of Foreign Affairs has issued a dispatch to the Chinese Ministers in different countries to the effect that any debts contracted by the Princes of Mongolia will not be recognised unless signed by the Board of Foreign Affairs.

PROTECTION OF CHINESE MERCHANTS.

PEKING, February 24th.

The Board of Foreign Affairs has issued a dispatch to the Foreign Ministers in Peking asking them to request their Governments to protect Chinese and Chinese merchants in their respective countries. The Ministers have replied and expressed their willingness to do as requested.

COLLISION AT CHINKIANG.

A RUDE BUREAU.

News reached Shanghai last week from Chinkiang that a serious collision had occurred at that port between the chartered H. A. L. steamer *Ascania*, commanded by Captain Gertie who is also the owner, and the H. A. L. bark *Bremen*, which was in charge of Captain A. Lange, an old employee of the company. The *Ascania*, says the *Mercury* report, was coming down river from Wuhu with a full cargo of rice bound to Canton and southern ports. When Chinkiang was reached the ship slowed down and began to swing, in order to anchor or go alongside the *Bremen*, as she had to exchange her river pass. From what can be learned, it seems something went wrong with the steering gear and the vessel refusing to answer her helm, crashed into the bow of the *Bremen*, tearing the hull from her moorings, when she drifted down and sank in deep water nearly opposite Goddes and Co.'s wharf. The *Ascania* as the result of the collision suffered some damage about the bows, full particulars of which are not yet to hand. The first news received stated that there had been a heavy loss of life among the Chinese on the hull, but the latest advices received by Messrs. Melchers and Co. report that there was no loss of life at all. The hull, which was full of cargo, will be a total loss as she is sunk in about forty feet of water.

The Y.M.C.A. is endeavoring to form a tennis club, courts having been procured in Kowloon.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, February 24th.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR FRANCIS PIGGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

THE CHEUNGSHAWAN ARMED ROBBERY.
The case in which Lai Yan, Lai Hing, Ho Shiu Ching, Leung Ching and Cheung Kwai were indicted on seven counts of armed robbery and one count of receiving stolen property at Cheungshawan was concluded. The jury empanelled comprised Messrs. E. W. White (foreman), S. H. Dutton, J. J. von West, C. R. Edwards, L. E. Lammert, J. McCubbin and S. H. Hendry.

On Tuesday the first and second accused pleaded guilty, and on the conclusion of the evidence the jury found the third, fourth and fifth defendants guilty on all counts.

His Lordship sentenced each of the accused to five years imprisonment with hard labour, and ordered the second, third, fourth and fifth to receive 24 lashes. The first, on account of his age, was to receive only twelve lashes.

THE ARMED ROBBERY AT YAU MATI.
Li Yan, Wah, Lai Kau and Lam Lai were assigned on a charge of armed robbery at Yau mati on January 21st.

Prisoners pleaded not guilty, and the following jurors were called:—Messrs. H. Craig (foreman), S. Bolton, P. D. Sutherland, E. J. Chapman, W. V. Ferry, O. R. Chunyat and L. F. Campbell.

The Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. W. Rees Davies, K.C.) told the jurors that this was another case of armed robbery. The prisoners were charged with breaking into a shop and stealing monies to the extent of \$4,300. This was the affair in which the unfortunate police sergeant recently lost his life, but the man who shot him was also killed during the arrest. This, however, had nothing to do with the circumstances of the present case. So far as the prisoners were concerned the facts were altogether distinct in anything affecting that. The robbery took place on January 21st at 43, Kennedy Street, Yau mati, and the case for the prosecution was that the prisoners, in company with their men, entered the house between 10 and eleven p.m. on the date mentioned. The prisoners were alleged to have entered the shop, while the others stood outside. All the prisoners, when they entered, were said to have been armed with revolvers which they pointed at the inmates. Then they tied them together, threatened them, and proceeded to loot the shop. The key of the safe was obtained and the prisoners took out the banknotes and coins and then decamped. The master of the shop, who was tied up, cut his wrists, ran out into the street and raised the hue and cry. One of the prisoners was immediately arrested by an excise officer. While he was running to escape, he threw some money away but when arrested a child was found on him. Three of the inmates of the shop all definitely identified the first man, and, when charged by the police, he practically admitted his guilt. As regards the second prisoner, he was identified by a man who was originally charged with the accused, but as no evidence against this man was obtainable when he went before the magistrate, he was discharged. There was also some evidence of identification on the part of one of the inmates, but not of a very satisfactory nature. Regarding the third and fourth, there was no evidence to identify them with the robbery apart from the statement of the man who was originally charged.

His Lordship—Is that King's evidence?
The Attorney-General—No, my Lord.

In conclusion the Attorney-General remarked that the case appeared to be absolutely conclusive against the first man. It would be for the jury to say whether they were satisfied with the evidence against the other prisoners.

His Lordship discharged the third and fourth prisoners, and the jury brought in a verdict of guilty against the first and second accused. The first man was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment with hard labour, and the second to five years while both were ordered a whipping of 24 lashes.

His Lordship further ordered the restitution of the stolen property.

UNION CHURCH LITERARY SOCIETY.

This evening's meeting of the above Society, to which the general public are invited, is to be "An Evening with Longfellow." The meeting takes place in the Union Church hall at 9 p.m., the programme being as follows:—

Music (1) "The Bridge" by Mrs. Lundy (voice by Longfellow) (2) "Mighty Lak a Rose" Novin.

Reading (1) "Wreck of the Hesperina" (2) "The Slave in the Desert Swamp" Mr. JOHN ROBERTSON.

Address "Mr. A. F. WILDER. Reading "King Robert of Sicily" Miss ERNEST ROWE.

Reading From "Evangeline" Mr. C. H. BOWLING. Reading "The Building of the Ship" Mr. ROBERTSON.

Reading "Paul Boyer's Ride" Miss ERNEST ROWE. Music (1) "Maiden in the Wood" by Alma Goetz. (2) "My love's a Butterfly" by Noel Johnson.

Mrs. W. STANLEY ALLEN.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The I.G.M. str. *Prins Eitel Friedrich* which left here on Wednesday, the 27th ult. at noon arrived at Genoa on the 22nd inst. at 8 a.m.

The I.G.M. str. *Prins Sigismund* which left here on the 30th ult. arrived at Sydney on the 23rd inst. at 4 p.m.

The P. & O. str. *Palma* left Singapore on the 24th instant at 7 a.m., and is due here on or about the 2nd prox. at 7 a.m.

The str. *Estimor*, which sailed from Hongkong on the 3rd inst. arrived at Sydney on the 23rd inst.

The H.A. Line str. *Andalusia* left Shanghai on the 24th instant at noon, and may be expected here on the 26th instant a.m.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET NOTES.

Last Saturday provided particularly interesting games. Hongkong "B," hitherto unbeaten, met the Civil Service at Happy Valley, the latter team up till last Saturday occupying second position in the League. Hongkong "A" in the third position met Telegraphs who were close behind them in points. None of the other competing teams have any chance for the shield and in consequence all the interest was centred on these two matches. The "B" team suffered defeat after a well fought-out match. Hutchison, Captain of the Service team, declared with 195 for eight wickets. "B" team lost their last wicket four minutes before time with a deficiency of nineteen runs. They missed Baird, whose bowling might have made considerable difference. As soon as Hancock or Pearce were relieved the runs mounted up quickly, and after changing both ends, they had to take up the trundling a second time. Their fielding all round was weak, which may be accounted for by the wide difference in the ground. Part of the field on the football end, compared to the Club ground, is like a ploughed field. The home team were vastly superior in this department, Ellis, Raven and Pile being particularly smart in their picking up and returning. Hancock appeared to have a lot of hard luck with the ball. He apparently beat the batsmen several times, but the balls rose over the balls. It will be interesting to see how the Civil Service fare against the same opponents on the Club ground. It is more than likely the result will be reversed, although they held their own against the "A" team a few Saturdays ago. Sutherland was well rewarded for his continued practice, his score being signified by some of the tallest hitting seen at the Valley. Shenton for the "Bs" seemed the only member of the team to settle down to good cricket, with the exception of Pearce and Hancock, both of whom got out soon after getting into double figures.

The "A" team on the Club ground inflicted a crushing defeat on the Telegraphs, who had up to Saturday, been holding their own successfully, and were the only team to beat Civil Service. Pearce, who has recently left the Colony, was responsible on that occasion for the fall of the wickets. Maundrell and Fowler made a fine stand, scoring 113 and 135 respectively, the former also capturing six of the Telegraphs wickets for 38 runs. The total were five wickets for 324 against 74 all out.

As the competition stands now, each of the three leading teams are one match down and it is a difficult matter to pick the best of the three. The "A" team were playing four men from the Navy, and if next Saturday they have the same team, with Houghton instead of Irvine, it is more than probable they will win or will at least draw. With the exception of Maundrell both teams are weak in bowlers and some big scores should be registered. Civil Service do not play on Saturday. They should meet Telegraphs on the following Saturday and unless they win then, will leave the shield for one of the Club teams. Kowloon meet the Police next Saturday and should win, but both teams are too far out of the running for the result to make any difference as to the disposal of the shield.

UMPIRE.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The Races interfered last week to some extent with football but, nevertheless, two important matches were played. The Y.M.C.A. met the men of Kent and went down to the tune of three to one, while the King Alfred managed to snatch a victory from the Club.

The Y.M.C.A. were somewhat unfortunate on Saturday. Not only did they start minus two of their players but after the game was in progress some time Storrer had to go off injured, leaving him too hot. Under such conditions they could not hope to do much against the blue-jackets who were full of running and very strong. Until the Saints are able to bring a more stable team into the field they cannot expect to do great things. They have the nucleus of a good team but it needs building up. At present they have not got beyond the experimental stage. I see that Foulkes has left his old love and gone over to the Y.M.C.A.

The Kent's win on Saturday speaks for itself pretty well. But I doubt if they will be able to repeat their performance in a day or two when they get up against the strong combination from the Buffs which is making a bold bid for the shield.

It was hardly expected that the Club would have been retired from the Shield competition at such an early stage. After the draw of the previous Saturday hopes ran high that the civilians would qualify for the semi-final but luck was decidedly against them, as with a lead of two-nothing they failed to secure the win which really ought to have been theirs. With the extinction of the Club and the Y.M.C.A. there is no civilian team left in the contest which has now to be fought out between representatives of the services.

A big week end programme of football has been arranged. Owing to their regimental gymnastics the Buffs will not take the field on Saturday. On Friday however they will meet the King Alfred in the Army and Navy Challenge Shield, and the meeting will be interesting as showing the respective form of both clubs and the destination of the Hongkong Shield. Another match in the same competition, will be played the same afternoon, when the R.E. and R. G. A. struggle for position.

Under the auspices of the League three matches will be played on Saturday. The Naval Yard and the Y.M.C.A. play on the Naval Ground.

and a keen game should result. The R.E. are drawn against Lunitano, and the R.A.M.C. meet the B.O.C. The Medicals will not take the youngsters too cheaply, as they went down before them on the occasion of their previous meeting.

Possibly the King Alfred and Bedford may meet on Saturday, though it would be preferable to have this important fixture played on a less busy afternoon.

REFEREE.

CRICKET.

In reference to a paragraph which appeared in our yesterday's issue "A Player" writes:—"Being a member of the C.S.C.C. I was present, last Saturday to view the interesting match played on our ground, between the Parsees and the Moslem. As the Parsees team was short in players, I and others were requested to play for their Club, which was captained by Mr. M. F. Billmoris, in the absence of Mr. J. D. Noria. Several of the best Parsees players were absent, and as their places were filled up by others, your report published is not wrong in describing the visitor's team as their "second eleven." Some time ago, our club had also several players short, in a friendly match, with that of Mr. A. O. Brown's team, at the time. I remember, some outsiders were asked to play for our club, and we called our mixed team a second eleven of the club."

The Royal Artillery scratched to the Royal Engineers in the league match which was to have taken place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

PRACTICALLY UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT.

It is reported (our Canton correspondent writes) that the Prime Minister, Chang Chi Tung, who has supreme control of the Canton-Hankow Railway, has specially delegated Taotai Wong Ping Yan to superintend the construction of the railway and to reside permanently in Canton. He will investigate the railway affairs and report as to the actual financial condition and also as to the amount of work completed and in progress.

If the capital is not sufficient or if there is any incapacity shown the Government is to take over the concern.

This appointment may be a blunder on the part of the Central authorities at this juncture, for since the Cantonese people have undertaken to construct the line themselves, at no time since the line was started has more activity been shown than within the last few months. This increased activity has doubtless been due to the threat of the Central Government to turn the undertaking over to the officials. Under the able direction of Sir Chan Tung Liang Sheng, who has shown himself an able administrator, matters have been pushed ahead of late and work is proceeding for more than 40 miles beyond Yun Tam, the present terminal station about 48 miles from Canton. Competent observers give full credit to the Chinese for the way in which the work is being done. The road is well laid while the scenery along the route is beautiful.

The Cantonese are proud of what they have achieved and will certainly suffer no interference from the Central Government. Wong Ping Yan's task is a delicate one and unless he shows exceptional ability in managing his so-called supervision the shareholders might make the place too hot for him. The Cantonese are a fairly independent lot and where their interests are at stake a mere edict will have very little effect.

SALE OF PONIES.

Yesterday afternoon Messrs. Hughes and Hough held their annual sale of race ponies by public roup on the compound before the City Hall. Though the weather was unpropitious there was a fair attendance and bidding was brisk. The prices fetched were:

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| Backslay... | 240 | Mr. Goldring |
| Tamar... | 220 | Mr. Moore |
| Gunduck... | 200 | Mr. Bryce |
| Little Dot Rose... | 160 | Mr. Gresson |
| Fugitive II... | 50 | Mr. Roberts |
| Seraph... | 145 | Mr. Davidson |
| Cattistock... | 135 | Mr. Dwyer |
| Tedcott... | 135 | Mr. Meares |
| Double Zero... | 130 | Mr. Gedde |
| Highland Laddie... | 130 | Capt. Waite |
| Cherab... | 125 | Mr. Paterson |
| Dosir... | 125 | Mr. Paterson |
| Nutmeg... | 125 | Mr. Lock |
| Bagin Du... | 120 | Mr. Simcock |
| Argyll... | 110 | Mr. Weaver |
| Banksia Rose... | 110 | Capt. Brierley |
| Four Hand... | 115 | Hon. Mr. May |
| Regret... | 100 | Mr. Lock |
| White Heather... | 100 | Mr. Blason |
| Vine... | 100 | Major Eaton |
| Sidley Du... | 100 | Capt. Brierley |
| Gum Tree... | 100 | Major Eaton |
| Little Nemo... | 80 | Mr. Kromer |
| Swan... | 80 | Commodore Lyons |
| Abstarner... | 75 | Mr. Krichi |
| Tor... | 65 | Mr. Weaver |
| Torrige... | 60 | Mr. Gedde |
| The Thief... | 50 | Major Eaton |
| Wadri Chief... | 50 | Mr. Fitz Gerald |
| Horatio... | 50 | Mr. Gedde |
| Droschkengaul... | 50 | Mr. Krimenack |
| Sandstone... | 45 | Mr. Morris |
| Crathmill... | 45 | Mr. Stevenson |
| Chicane... | 45 | Mr. Gok |
| Compton... | 45 | Mr. Lock |
| Black Sheep... | 40 | Mr. Lock |
| Constant... | 40 | Mr. Roberts |
| Chancielee... | 35 | Mr. Lock |
| Highland... | 35 | Mr. Fitz Gerald |
| Emergy... | 35 | Mr. Roberts |
| Bystander... | 30 | Mr. Clark |
| Banai... | 25 | Mr. Yaga |

Withdrawn—Grey Back, Sidley Du, Clocky, Dart, Sir Joseph, Kirtan. Not sold—Highland Heather, Killarney Rose, Seafam, Strathdallas, Tavy, Mischief, Marble, Resignation, Bluenose, handyside, Southdown II, Dragon, Cox.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Wednesday, February 24th.

BEFORE COMMANDER BASH R. H. TAYLOR, R.N. (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

PREVENTING FREE ACCESS TO WHARVES.

The master of the private steam launch Aloha was prosecuted by Lance-Sergeant Jackson for allowing his launch to lie alongside the Pottinger Street Wharf in such a manner as to prevent the free access of other vessels thereto.

Defendant informed the Court that he was discharging ice. There were only six coolies employed, and they had gone away with part of his cargo.

Mr. Hocking informed his Worship that there had been no undue delay. He was on board all the time, and when the police arrived there was a hull, as all the coolies were away carrying ice.

The charge was dismissed.

Constable Mumday preferred a similar charge against the coxswains of eleven other steam launches in connection with the Observation Street wharf.

His Worship found all the defendants guilty and in every case except one, imposed a fine of \$10 or a month's imprisonment. The exception was the eighth defendant, who went ashore and left his launch. He was mulcted in the sum of \$15, the alternative being six weeks' imprisonment.

PROJECTING YULOS.

The masters of thirteen Chinese crafts were prosecuted for failing to keep the yulos of their boats out of water, and rigged in such a manner as not to project outboard whilst alongside of a ship.

Ten of the defendants were fined \$5 apiece, in default fourteen days' jail, and the other three were each fined \$10, or a month.

THE REGULATION LIGHTS.

A yacht boy who was out in a dinghy without a light was proceeded against by Constable Connor for failing to exhibit the regulation light for a boat under way between sunset and sunrise.

Defendant previously told the constable that he did not think it was necessary on a European boat, and yesterday he told his Worship that he forgot to take the light with him.

Fined \$2, or seven days.

LYING INSHORE.

Four native boatmen were proceeded against for unlawfully lying inshore at Yau-mai during prohibited hours.

One of the defendants stated that she went there for shelter as it was blowing very hard. The other three broke their anchor chains.

In each instance a fine of \$2.50 was imposed, with an alternative of ten days' imprisonment.

OBSTRUCTING THE FAIRWAY.

The masters of two licensed trading junks were before the Court for anchoring their boats within the limits of the southern fairway. Both men pleaded guilty and were fined \$10 or a month.

FISHING FOR COAL.

The owner of a fishing boat was charged with using his boat for other than solely fishing purposes.

Constable Connor told the Court he saw the defendant dragging for coal off Wanohai, and when witness went to his craft he found two bags of coal on board.

A fine of \$5 was imposed, with an alternative of imprisonment for fourteen days.

CONCEALING BOATS' NUMBERS.

Dr. Grone, health officer of the port, prosecuted the owners of two licensed passenger boats for concealing the numbers of their boats.

Mr. Jackson (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for the defendants, and the case was adjourned.

AIDING AND ABETTING.

The masters of the licensed steam launch Kum Sang and Kwong Chow were arraigned for aiding and abetting the last defendants in concealing the numbers of their craft.

The charges were dismissed.

THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

The ninth session of the Commission opened at 10.30 a.m. on the 19th inst. with a renewal of the discussion on Mr. Tang Kuo-an's proposition, that a committee should be appointed to consider the medical aspects of the opium question, and the best means of curing the opium habit without recourse to the actual drug or its derivatives.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Cecil Clementi Smith expressed sympathy with the object which Mr. Tang had in view, and stated that he was not opposed to any rational inquiry into the subject, but he considered that the Commission did not possess amongst its members a sufficient number of scientific men to form a committee of the kind suggested by Mr. Tang, and the investigation from a medical point of view of anti-opium remedies and of the properties and effects of opium and its products should be recommended by each Delegation to its own Government. He moved an amendment to this effect.

Dr. Rosseter and H. E. Tremaine Miyake, supporting Mr. Tang's proposition, considered that their labours would be incomplete were the Commission to include no reference in its report to the medical aspect of the opium question. Eventually, the amendment moved by the Rt. Hon. Sir Cecil Clementi Smith was adopted by the Commission.

After the Japanese and British Delegations had replied to questions put by Dr. Hamilton Wright and Dr. Tanney, Monsieur Batard, the Chief Commissioner for France, explained his attitude with regard to Mr. Tang's proposition. He quoted the correspondence between the United States and the French Government, and pointed out that there was no suggestion therein regarding the study of the Opium question from a medical point of view. He understood that the subject was to be considered by the Commission purely from a commercial and administrative standpoint; consequently he agreed with the Rt. Hon. Sir Cecil Clementi Smith as to the advisability of leaving the medical aspect of the opium problem to be investigated by the highest scientific and medical authorities of the two hemispheres. The Commission adjourned at 11.45 a.m. until Monday the 22nd inst.

NAMES OF THE NEW WARSHIPS.

Following on the ideas of territorial association, the Admiralty have decided on naming the five new cruisers for the construction of which contracts have just been placed, after important cities of the United Kingdom. All the names chosen, moreover, have the advantage of having already figured in the "Navy List," and have been borne by ships more or less distinguished in our naval annals.

Bristol first gave its name to a ship in the Navy in 1653. She was a frigate of 44 guns, and quite early in her career gained notoriety for having taken in an engagement "that famous rover" Vittore Papachino, the prince of Spanish pirates. It was the champion of this ship, George, who left a famous diary which throws much light upon the Navy of the period. There were several other Bristols, each with a not undistinguished record, the last, a screw frigate, at one time used as a training ship for cadets. The name of Glasgow came into the Navy with the Union in May, 1707, when the fleet of Scotland was incorporated with that of England. The Scots Glasgow was a small frigate of 22 guns, and one of her successors was with Roscommon when he defeated De la Clue in August, 1759. The last Glasgow was a 31-gun steam frigate of 3,037 tons and engines of 600 h.p. Gloucester is an old and honourable name in the Navy. The first ship to bear it was built at Limehouse in 1654, and carried 60 guns. In 1682 she was selected to carry the Duke of York, afterwards James II., to Leith, but ashore, where upwards of 130 people, including many members of the Duke's suite, perished. Another Gloucester made one of the most exacting cruises round the world in 1740, but after a series of disasters she was burnt, and her crew were rescued on board the Centurion, a stroke of good fortune for them, since they were able to share in the prize money of the great Asculapio galleon. The first Liverpool built for the Navy was a 44-gun frigate in 1741, and ships of this name took part in the blockades of Dunkerque and Pondicherry, as well as in a good deal of useful cruising after privateers. The last Liverpool was a 35-gun screw frigate launched at Devonport in 1863. The Corporation of Liverpool specially noted the connection with this ship by presenting her officers on her arrival in the Mersey with a copy of the arms of the city. She was afterwards flagship of Sir Geoffrey Horley in the Flying Squadron on 1869-70. The last of five cruisers will be named the Newcastle. The earliest ship so designated was built at Ratcliffe in 1653 and served under Blake. Another Newcastle took part in several successful engagements in the West Indies in the early part of the 18th century, and the last was a screw frigate of 1860. Now that the authorities have decided to reintroduce the names of some excellent names have a wide choice of brilliant achievements in naval history. Since the torpedo craft have grown to such large dimensions, it would be more interesting to name them after such places as Nottingham, Maidstone, and Portsmouth, all with good records, than to fall back upon zoological nomenclature.

The 16 new destroyers are to be named Basilisk, Beagle, Bulldog, Foxhound, Grasshopper, Harpy, Mosquito, Nautilus, Pincher, Ragoon, Rattlesnake, Renard, Savage, Scorpion, Scourge, and Wolverine. Of these 16 names, only three do not belong to the 18th century. The Basilisk goes back to 1665 and the Beagle and Foxhound belong to 1809. As far as their introduction to the naval service is concerned, all these names, too, have more or less interesting histories; and nine of them may be said to be particularly distinguished. Hewitt belonged to the Beagle when he won his V.C. in the Lancaster battery before Sevastopol. Punch commemorated with some stirring verses an incident in the career of the Jerry Coghlan, when, according to a story named the Renard, he on one occasion ran a 20-gun privateer. Her captain hailed, "Will you strike?" "Aye, that I will, and I—hard, too!" was Captain's forcible reply. He did, too, for in little more than half an hour he blew his opponent out of the water, and though every effort was made to rescue her crew, only 55 of 160 on board were saved. The Wolverine is also noted for an heroic defence against a superior force, in which the enemy were eventually driven off, but not before the captain, Lewis Mortlock, was fatally wounded. His last words to the lieutenant who succeeded him in command were, "Luff, and keep close, about there!" It is possible that, had he lived, he might have succeeded in capturing one, if not both, of his assailants.

THE MODES OF PARIS.

THE CRIMINALS AND SMALLER HATS. If all ways lead to Rome, all eyes—at least all feminine eyes—are turned on Paris, for Paris is deciding the coming fashions. The Paris correspondent of a London contemporary writing on the 26th ult. said:

The great customers are "weighing" styles in the balance. The milliners are waiting for the decision of the milliners. There are some great questions which are awaiting the world of women. Are crinolines coming back to fashion? Will that gigantic burden, the "Merry Widow" hat, disappear and leave woman free to show her pretty curls? Will the hair be waved or swept back from the brow in severe, glossy lines? I have it on excellent authority that some of the most famous experts in this gay city are very favourably inclined toward the crinoline. They are putting its robust charms against the emaciated appearance of the modern diadem, and in a week or two the result will be announced. There is no doubt that Paris is at present receiving attention from the judges, and the design chosen will be a modified type similar to those worn at the Court of the third Napoleon. The hairdressers are smiling over this information, for with pinners may come the revival of powder and patches.

If this epoch of fashion is correctly followed two styles of coat will follow the panier. The first is a loose "coat" called the Saut en Barque and in distinct contrast will probably follow the famous Fines Taille, the tightly fitting taffeta coat.

The ball dresses, which have been so remarkably skimpy will lose round their waists in flounces and billows. The favourite material will be chiffon arranged in the rainbow effect; for instance, a pale mauve chiffon veiled in turquoise blue, which is in turn covered by an over-skirt of shell pink chiffon.

Hats will be more gorgeous and beautiful than ever, but distinctly smaller. Toques and Rahagas hats, floral mander bonnets and Leghorn shepherdess headgear are predicted. Strange hats with spiral and shell-shaped crests will be seen. French sailor shapes will disappear beneath a wealth of unaccounted feathers. Little toques, which are even smaller than a toque, are being introduced, and toques of Paisley panne lung with chains of jet will be seen at the theatres.

The prettiest fashion, however, will be the Empire hat with a piece out of the back and tied with soft ribbon strings. A philosopher once said, "Every woman who takes a man-fall in

TRIBUTE TO BRITAIN.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S EULOGY OF BRITISH RULE IN INDIA.

As announced by Senator, President Roosevelt spoke on January 18, at a Methodist missionary meeting, which was held at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, in Washington, to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the establishment of Methodist missions in Africa. Incidentally his speech contained a glowing eulogy of Great Britain's government in India and South Africa.

After referring to the work of the American missionaries in foreign countries and speaking highly in their praise, the President pointed out that the advancement made by these devoted men could not have been accomplished unless the European nations had taken their advanced civilization and governmental administration among the people to whom the missionaries were sent.

DUTCH IN JAVA.

He cited the English occupation of India, the French in Algeria, the Dutch in Java, and the Russians in Turkestan, as examples of the improvement in the native races of those countries on account of the restless expansion of European races.

In India, said Mr. Roosevelt, we encounter the most colossal example in history of successful administration by men of European blood of the thickly-populated region of another continent. This is a greater feat than was ever performed under the mighty Roman empire.

England's rule in India is the most notable and the most admirable of all the achievements of the white race the world over during the last two centuries. The people of India are better off in every way than ever before. They are better off than they would be if the English rule could be withdrawn to-day.

ROBLY DONE.

Unquestionably, said the President, reforms are needed in India, but this is merely another way of saying that the British Government's administration has been human. What men could do they have done, and nobly.

In Natal the English found an empty desert. Because of the peace they established there the deserts of South Africa have been so densely populated that to-day they present new problems, which are well on their way towards solution.

Mr. Roosevelt then went on to speak of England's rule in Egypt, which he declared had been of unlimited benefit to the people of that country. In glowing and eulogistic terms he referred to the fine class of administrators sent by Great Britain to Egypt, and to all other places where she had placed her administration. He also spoke eulogistically of America's occupation of the Philippine Islands, and declared that America's rule had been beneficent there, and would continue to be so until the natives were brought to the standard of being able to rule themselves.

THE FAKUMEN RAILWAY.

JAPAN'S POSITION.

The Japan Times traversing the statement of the London Times that the Japanese opposition to the English syndicate's projected line from Simuntun to Fakumen in Manchuria is "absolutely irreconcilable with the policy of the open door," states the Japanese point of view as follows:

In view of the renewed reference to the matter we feel called upon to again make clear Japan's position. The railway business, it will be acknowledged by all, is by its nature a monopolistic one, and exclusive rights in some form or other are conditions indispensable for its existence. It follows that, when a Government grants a railway concession or agrees to its transfer, it is taken for granted that the railway is empowered to exercise certain privileges. In other words the very existence of a railway implies the existence, also, of some exclusive rights for it and to deny it these rights will be to deny its existence. Now the transfer of the South Manchurian Railway from Russia to Japan is admitted on all sides as a perfectly legitimate sequel to a course of events and its right of existence is equally undisputed. We have not yet heard any one coming forward with the charge that the running of the South Manchurian Railway is inconsistent with the policy of the open door and equal opportunity, and none will be so foolishly as to venture to do so. It will be Japan's right as well as duty, then, to protect the railway in all its rights and privileges and there can be nothing in conflict with the open door policy in this. As it appears to the railway considers it one of the essential conditions for its operation that, owing to the special state of the country it traverses, it be protected from competition within certain areas and in that sense China has consented to waive her right to construct any railway parallel to and within competitive distance of the South Manchurian Railway line, making this a provision of the protocol signed at Peking in 1905. No person will see again anything in all this inconsistent with the policy of the open door. But China's proposed line threatens to encroach on the exempted zone, and it is natural that Japan should object to its construction or, the particular provision in the Peking Protocol might as well not have been inserted there. In any case Japan's contention is part and essence of the very existence of the South Manchurian Railway, and it will be seen that once the existence of that railway is admitted to be not at variance with the policy of the open door, no twisting of argument can make it appear that a condition essential to the railway's existence and legally recognized so, is alone at war with that policy.

THE ANARCHIST HUNT IN LONDON.

The London papers to hand by the latest mail contain particulars of the most dramatic and daring crime which startled London last month giving its northern border an experience that suggests some wild scene from the bush or prairie. Two armed Russian Anarchists, having attempted to seize a bag of gold outside the Tottenham rubber recovery factory of Messrs. Schumann, rushed off, closely pursued by police and civilians, on whom they repeatedly fired with revolvers. Within a few minutes a constable and a boy lay dead in the road. The mad-hunt, which developed into a running fusillade, led across the Lea marshes to the Walthamstow tram route, where the fugitives, attempting to escape on an electric tramcar, compelled the driver, with the revolver muzzle at his head, to drive on.

After a long and thrilling chase, in which many of the police and public were wounded, one man was cornered, and he then shot himself, though not fatally. The other, having been brought to bay in a cottage, was subjected to volleys through door and window, and finally was shot dead by a police constable. The identity of the desperadoes as Russian physical-force Anarchists has been established. Altogether three persons were killed and twenty-two injured in the pursuit of the desperadoes.

EXPERT FAILED TO CURE HIS ECZEMA

Had Suffered Six Years—Face Badly Affected—Dared Not Go Out when Air Was Raw—Cuticura Proved Only Remedy—Also Cured Ringworm on Girl's Arm.

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"I found three bottles of Cuticura Soap, one box of Cuticura Ointment and two bottles of Cuticura Resolvent ample to clear me of eczema, with which I had suffered for six years. It was the face principally that was affected and later I scarcely dared show myself out of doors if there was the least rawness in the air. I tried two or three doctors, but a chemist who was supposed to be an expert on eczema, but they did not seem to cure me permanently. Also the same box of Cuticura Ointment cured a pretty bad case of ringworm on a girl's arm that I persuaded her to allow me to dress with it. G. L. Monro, Burrow Hall, Epsom, Surrey, May 11, 1907. Send to nearest Dispensary for Cuticura Book on Treatment of Skin Diseases."

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Of Skin-tortured and Distressed Babies Should Know

That warm baths with Cuticura Soap and gentle anointings with Cuticura, afford instant relief, permit rest and sleep, and point to speedy, permanent, and safe cures of all eruptions, and chafes of infants and children, and afford rest and comfort to worried, worn-out parents, when all else fails. Guaranteed absolutely pure and may be used from the hour of birth.

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love with her if she tie a bow under her chin, and any one who sees a fair face shaded by an Empress hat will recognise the wisdom of this remark.

Uncoloured ostrich feathers will be in great request until they are imperatively ousted by spring and summer flowers.

Piece lace has taken the place of net for neckers or chemisettes. It is usually lined with gold or silver gauze.

The magnificent Ethiopian and Egyptian plaques will be seen on the heads for evening wear, and it is even prophesied that jewelled turbans are coming into fashion.

"STATE AID" FOR THE MOTHER.

An astounding proposition, showing the extraordinary lengths to which Socialists are prepared to go, was seriously brought before the fourth and annual conference of the Women's Labour League, at Portsmouth last month.

A discussion was initiated by Mrs. Bruce Glasier on the necessity for a State endowment of motherhood, and in the course of the speeches it was suggested that married women should be prohibited by law from working for the living. Miss Mary MacArthur, the Socialist secretary of the Women's Trade Union League, went much further than this, however.

"It would not be desirable," she said, "to prohibit the labour of all married women." "What is necessary is that the State should make provision for a mother four months before childbirth and a year afterwards."

Even some of the women who heard the extraordinary proposition gasped and Mrs. MacArthur, the wife of the Socialist secretary of the Labour party, intervened with the remark that what was wanted was not to take the parental responsibility less but more than it was at present.

A resolution was passed, however, demanding that maternity wards should be provided by the State in all congested districts, and that all hospitals should be nationalised, while in another resolution a demand was made for a State insurance of widows.

Miss Margaret Bondfield, who presided, expanded a new and extremely interesting view of marriage.

"There is a great multitude of women suffering from intellectual stultification,"

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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will Close their Hongkong Branch on the 28th inst., and have APPOINTED Messrs. A. B. MOULDER & Co., their Agents in Hongkong as from 1st March, 1909.

CASTLE BROS. WOLF & SONS,
Per Wm. W. WILSON.
Hongkong, 25th February, 1909. [379]

NOTICE.

MESSERS. JAVARMAL TEJOMAL & Co., beg to give Notice to the Public that they have CLOSED their business in Hongkong and Canton and they will not be responsible for any business transacted in their names by their late employee DOHILANAMAL LALCHAND or any other person.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1909. [380]

GRAND PRODUCTION OF

"THE SILVER KING"

BY THE
KOWLOON DOCK AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CLUB.
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH, 1909.
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In Aid of Local Deserving Objects.

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TICKETS
Naval and Military—50 cts. each.
Plan now open at S. MOUTRIE & Co., Ltd.,
J. COLIN OWEN,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 25th February, 1909. [381]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

At Messrs. JAY'S LIMITED,
ON SATURDAY,
the 27th February, 1909, commencing at 10.30 A.M.

SUMMER DRESS'G, HATS, TRIMMINGS, VELVET, GLOVES, CORSETS, VELVET PLAIN RIBBON, BELTS, SILK BRAIDS, WHITE ALPACA, APPLIQUE AIGRETTES, FLOWERS, GREEN LEAVES, &c., &c.

Terms—Cash on delivery.

Geo. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 25th February, 1909. [382]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
ON MONDAY,
the 1st March, 1909, at 11 A.M., at No. 12, WYNNHALL STREET.

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VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
THEREIN CONTAINED,
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A Quantity of PLANTS in POTS.
Catalogues will be issued.
Terms—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 25th February, 1909. [383]

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(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALABAR COAST).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK.
S.S. "GHAZEE" About 11th March.
For Freight and further information, apply to
DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 25th February, 1909. [1712]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship
"KUTSANG,"
having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered free alongside.

Cargo, impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. the 27th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1909. [16]

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

FLOWER SHOW.

IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), 26th FEBRUARY:
Open 2 P.M. to 6 P.M. Admission 5s.
Mrs. MAY has kindly consented to distribute the Prizes at 5 P.M.

SATURDAY, 27th FEBRUARY:
Open 10.30 A.M. to 5 P.M. Admission 50 cts.
3 P.M. to 6 P.M. " 20 cts.

Tickets will be obtainable on the Grounds.

By kind permission of Major EVANS and Officers, the Band of the 13th Buffs will play on both days from 2.30 to 6 P.M.

L. GIBBS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [356]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the above mentioned Company will be held at its Registered Office, Nos. 9 to 17, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 26th day of February, 1909, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions—

1. That the capital of the Company be increased to \$1,000,000 by the creation of 8,000 additional shares of \$50 each ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares in the Company.
2. That the said 8,000 additional shares be offered in the first instance at par to all members of the Company registered as Shareholders on the First day of March, 1909, in the proportion of Two New Shares for every Three Original Shares held by them and upon the footing that Fifty per cent. of the full amount of each New Share taken up shall be paid to the Company on acceptance of the offer and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of Shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by payment will be deemed to be declined and that the directors be empowered to dispose of the Shares not taken in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [339]

HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 25th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George Building, 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1908, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 23rd of February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [334]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY LTD.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers, at 12.30 P.M., on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1908, and the Reports of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th instant, to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [340]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE FORTIETH MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 4th March, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th February to 4th March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
C. PEMBERTON,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1909. [335]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LTD.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel, on SATURDAY, the 6th March, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1908, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be completely brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th February to the 6th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1909. [363]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned at 12.30 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 9th March.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd inst. to the 9th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1909. [357]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

LOST SHARE CERTIFICATE.

No. 4782—157229/157236—8 Shares in name of ETHEL NEWTON TREBE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a DUPLICATE of the above CERTIFICATE will be issued One Month hence, and the Original Certificate, unless produced at the Office of the General Managers within that period, will be held by the Company as Null and Void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [271]

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PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND DECLARED for the Half Year ending 31st December, 1908, at the rate of Two Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Five Shillings Sterling per Share of \$125 is Payable on and after MONDAY the 22nd day of February, Current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [370]

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 8 Per Cent. per Share for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1908, DECLARED at Monday's Ordinary Meeting, will be payable at the premises of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, on and after TUESDAY, the 23rd February, and Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings, New Praya.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [371]

INTIMATIONS

E. R.
PLAQUE.

THE Public are hereby informed that RAT POISON, RAT TRAPS, and BIKD LIME can be obtained free of charge from any of the Officers of the Sanitary Department.

The co-operation of householders in the destruction of rats is earnestly requested.

By Order,
SANITARY DEPARTMENT.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [359]

H.K.A.A.A.

THE SECOND RUN in connection with the Broke Cross-Country Challenge Cup will take place on SUNDAY next, Feb. 28th, at 3.30 P.M., over a Course in Kowloon. Starting on the track. Entries at the post or to undersigned.

H. L. O. GARRETT,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [372]

WANTED.

FOR the BRITISH CONCESSION, Amoy, a CHIEF CONSTABLE to superintend a small force of 6 NATIVE CONSTABLES, and whose principal duty will be to look after the cleanliness of the Concession. Salary \$100 per month, with quarters, and medical attendance. Applications, accompanied by copies of testimonials to be addressed to the CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, British Concession, Amoy, not later than 5th March, 1909.

Amoy, 18th February, 1909. [362]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after the 1st March, the Selling Price of Ice, will be Reduced to ONE CENT per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.
Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd.,
Hongkong, 11th February, 1909. [311]

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LTD.

FINE FRESH AUSTRALIAN BUTTER.
75, 75 & 80 Cents a lb.
Sold in 1 lb. packets to suit convenience of Customers.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1909. [269]

SUTTON'S SEEDS.

Special Selections for South China.
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Shipping and Insurance Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1909. [50]

JUST WHAT IS REQUIRED

INDIA LINEN, INDIA NAINSOOK

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LONGCLOTH and INDIA MUSLIN.

HOOSAIN-ALI & Co.,
No. 14, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1909. [41]

MITSU BISHI GOSHI KAISHA.

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COAL DEPARTMENT.

SOLE PROPRIETORS OF TAKASIMA OCHI, HOJO, NAKAZUTA, SATO, SHINNEW AND KAMAYAMADA, Collieries.
SOLE AGENTS
MIYAO and KIGYO KOMATSU Coals.

Special attention is invited to the fact that, MUTABE, the well known coal mine, near Karatsu, has lately been taken over by the company, and is now being worked on a larger scale.

HEAD OFFICE—MARUNOUCHI, TOKYO.

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CHINKIANG: Messrs. GEARING & Co.
MANILA: Messrs. MACDONALD & Co.
For Particulars apply to
H. OISHI, Manager,
No. 2, Pedder Street, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [716]

ENTERTAINMENT

THEATRE ROYAL.

THE BANDMANN COMEDY CO.

SATURDAY, 27th FEBRUARY.
THE SECOND MRS. TANQUERY.
Pincro's Great Sensational Play.

MONDAY, 1st MARCH.
WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES.
Weddon Grossmith's Greatest Success.

TUESDAY, 2nd MARCH.
THE LITTLE MINISTER.
J. M. Barrie's Phenomenally Successful Play.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd MARCH.
A NIGHT OUT.
The Scrambling Funny Farce Comedy.

THURSDAY, 4th MARCH.
THE LIGHT THAT FAILED.
Foghes Robertson's Powerful Dramatic Play.

FRIDAY, 5th MARCH.
THE LADY OF OSTEND.
Sir Charles Burnand's Masterpiece.

PRICES — \$3, \$2 & \$1.

Plan now open at S. MOUTRIE & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1909. [344]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have been favoured with instructions from HENRY HUMPHREYS, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction,
TO-DAY (THURSDAY),
the 25th February, 1909, commencing at 11 A.M., within his residence, "ABERHOLWYN," Peak Road,
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising—
SILK COVERED DRAWING ROOM and COSY CORNER by Maple, CHIP, PENDLE CHAIRS, MOROCCO COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, a Large Assortment of CANTON CARVED BLACKWOOD WARE, CARVED CHERRYWOOD DESK and OVERMANTEL with BEVELLED GLASS, BRONZE FIGURES with ELECTRIC LIGHTS COMBINED, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, by Hall & Holtz, JAPANESE COCKATOO COLOURED CABINETS, DOUBLE & SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, TEAKWOOD WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS, DRESSING TABLE, CHEST-OF-DRAWERS and MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS all L. C. & Co.'s make, GLASS CROCKERY and E.P. WARE, Persian and Turkish CARPETS (New) and RUGS, WATER COLOURS, many fine STEEL and OIL PAINTINGS by Herwood Hardy, SYDNEY COOPER, PHIL MORRIS and other well-known ARTISTS, MARBLE CLOCKS by Maple and others;
One IRON SAFE by Chubb's and One BOUDOIR GRAND PIANO by Collard & Collard, (almost new).
On View from TUESDAY, the 23rd instant.
Catalogues will be issued.
Terms—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [350]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from W. E. CLARKE, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction,
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY),
the 26th February, 1909, at 2 P.M., within his Residence, "ABERHOLWYN," The Peak,
SUNDAY
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising—
Silk Tapestry-Covered DRAWING ROOM SUITE, an Assortment of CARVED CANTON BLACKWOOD WARE, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, DINNER WAGON, TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, TEAKWOOD WARDROBES and DRESSING TABLES with BEVELLED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, CARPETS, RUGS, GLASS CROCKERY and E.P. WARE, PICTURES, COOKING STOVE and UTENSILS, &c., &c.;
Also
One IRON SAFE by Milners, One SEVEN GRAND PIANO by Haake and One TENNIS NET FOLDS, &c., &c.
On View on THURSDAY, the 25th instant.
Catalogues will be issued.
Terms—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [358]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE latest Method of the AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY.
33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1907. [1261]

SUN TING.

SURGEON DENTIST.
No. 10, D'AGUIAR STREET.

TERMS VERY MODERATE.
Consultation Free.
Hongkong, 21st September, 1905. [1327]

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Historical Post Cards. Birthday Cards.
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Albums, Novels,
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Inspection solicited.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [126]

BANKS

DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID UP — Sh. Tels 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BERLIN.

BRANCHES:
Berlin, Hamburg, Calcutta, Hankow,
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THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S
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DIRECTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account,
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be
learned on application. Every description of
Banking and exchange business transacted.
A. KOEHN,
Manager.
Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [24]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA

AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £1,200,000
RESERVE FUND £1,525,000
RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROPRIETORS £1,200,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account
at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily
balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent.
for 6 " 3 1/2 " do.
for 3 " 3 " do.

JOHN ARMSTRONG,
Manager.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1908. [121]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED 1,125,000
PAID-UP 562,500
RESERVE FUND 210,000

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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts
at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the
Daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits:
For 12 months 4 per cent.
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For 3 " 2 1/2 per cent.

EVAN ARMISTON,
Manager.
Hongkong, 23rd April 1908. [23]

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

CAPITAL PAID-UP Yen 24,000,000
RESERVE FUND 15,100,000

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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent
per annum on the daily balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months 5 per annum
" " " 3 " 4 " do.
" " " 3 " 3 " do.

TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
Manager.
Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. [324]

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY)
ESTABLISHED 1824.

PAID UP CAPITAL FL. 45,000,000 (£3,750,000)
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The Bank buys and sells and receives for
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On Current Account 2 per annum on daily
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On Fixed Deposits 12 months 4 1/2 per annum.
do. 6 do. 4 " do.
do. 3 do. 3 1/2 " do.

J. L. VAN HOUTEN, Agent.
Hongkong, 16th July, 1908. [25]

BANKS

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CAPITAL PAID UP Gold \$3,250,000,<

1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2675, 26

POST OFFICE NOTICE

Correspondence for EUROPE, via SIBERIA, is forwarded from HONGKONG by all vessels sailing for SHANGHAI.

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dally and Siberia.

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| 5th March | at 7.45 a.m. |
| 12th March | at 11.45 a.m. |
| 18th March | at 8.15 p.m. |
| 26th March | at 11.45 a.m. |
| 1st April | at 8.15 p.m. |

The *Klein*, with the German mail of the 27th January, left Singapore on Monday, the 22nd inst., at 7 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow, at p.m.

The *Nera*, with the French mail of the 28th January, left Singapore on Monday the 22nd inst., at 8 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 1st March, a.m. This packet brings replies to letters dispatched from Hongkong on the 26th December.

| FOR | PRE | DATE |
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| Haiphong | Clara Jensen | Thursday, 25th, 8.0 A.M. |
| Swatow and Bangkok | Pedaburi | Thursday, 25th, 9.00 A.M. |
| Saigon | Montgomeryshire | Thursday, 25th, 10.00 A.M. |
| Saigon | A. Dorrien | Thursday, 25th, 11.00 A.M. |
| Manila | Sui Tai | Thursday, 25th, 1.15 P.M. |
| Singapore, Penang and Calcutta | Catherine Apear | Thursday, 25th, 2.00 P.M. |
| Shanghai | Shanghai | Thursday, 25th, 3.00 P.M. |
| Manila | Suruga | Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M. |
| Kuchinotun, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Tacoma, Seattle and Vancouver | Onsa | Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M. |
| Holbow, Singapore and Bangkok | Loosok | Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M. |
| Swatow and Shanghai | Hanyang | Friday, 26th, 11.00 A.M. |
| Hongkong | Binhthuan | Friday, 26th, 11.00 A.M. |
| Singapore, Penang and Colombo | Silesia | Friday, 26th, 11.00 A.M. |
| Quang Chow Wan, Hoikow, Pakhoi and Haiphong | Hongkong | Friday, 26th, 11.00 A.M. |
| Macao | Sui Tai | Friday, 26th, 1.15 P.M. |
| Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Melbourne, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and Fremantle | Taiyuan | Friday, 26th, 8.00 P.M. |
| Manila, Yip, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Singapore, Herberthshoe, Malaga, Samarra, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand and Dunedin | Manila | Saturday, 27th, 9.00 A.M. |
| Tientsin | Chipehing | Saturday, 27th, 10.00 A.M. |
| Manila | Zakro | Saturday, 27th, 11.00 A.M. |
| Macao | Sui Tai | Saturday, 27th, 1.15 P.M. |
| Manila | Yuenang | Saturday, 27th, 2.00 P.M. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | Hatching | Saturday, 27th, 2.00 P.M. |
| Manila | Fukus Maru | Saturday, 27th, 3.00 P.M. |
| Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama and Yokohama | Glanorganshire | Saturday, 27th, 5.00 P.M. |
| Swatow | Hasmun | Sunday, 28th, 9.00 A.M. |
| Cebu and Iloilo | Kajong | Sunday, 28th, 9.00 A.M. |

— MARCH —

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| Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver (B.C.) | Monteagle | Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M. |
| Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji | Kulung | Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M. |
| Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle | Kaga Maru | Tuesday, 2nd, 10.00 A.M. |

CHAMPAGNE

PIPER-HEIDSIECK

REIMS

SOLE AGENTS—

H. RUTTONJEE & SON.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

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TO-DAY.
Sale, Valuable Household Furniture, Albertal-
wyn, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 11 a.m.
TO-MORROW.
Extraordinary Meeting, Hongkong Hotel Co.,
Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

TO-MORROW.
Sale, Valuable Household Furniture, Abell-
gerdie, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE
CLOSING QUOTATION.

February 24th

ON LONDON—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/8 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand 1/8 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight 1/8 1/2
Bank Bills, at 60 days sight 1/8 1/2
Credits, at 4 months sight 1/8 1/2
Documentary Bills, at 4 months sight 1/8 1/2

ON PARIS—
Bank Bills, on demand 218 1/2
Credits, at 4 months sight 222 1/2

ON GERMANY—
On demand 177 1/2

ON NEW YORK—
Bank Bills, on demand 42 1/2
Credits, at 60 days sight 43 1/2

ON BOMBAY—
Telegraphic Transfer 130 1/2
Bank, on demand 130 1/2

ON CALCUTTA—
Telegraphic Transfer 130 1/2
Bank, on demand 130 1/2

ON SHANGHAI—
Bank, at sight 74 1/2
Private, 30 days sight 75 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA—On demand—Peros—85 1/2

ON MANILA—On demand—Peros—85 1/2
ON SINGAPORE—On demand—Peros—85 1/2
ON BATAVIA—On demand—Peros—85 1/2

ON HONGKONG—On demand—Peros—85 1/2
ON SINGAPORE—On demand—Peros—85 1/2
ON BANGKOK—On demand—Peros—85 1/2

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate \$11.35
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tad \$59.80
BANK SILVER, per oz. 23 1/2

SUBSIDIARY CENTS.

Chinese 20 cents pieces \$7.90 discount.
Chinese 10 " \$8.40 " "
Hongkong 20 " \$7.00 " "
Hongkong 10 " \$7.10 " "

OPTUM.

Quotations are:—
Malwa New \$1.070 per picul.
Malwa Old \$1.100 " "
Malwa Older \$1.130 " "
Malwa V. Old \$1.150/1.180 " "
Persian fine quality \$1.020 " "
Persian extra fine \$1.060 " "
Panna New \$1.090 per chest.
Panna Old \$1.010 " "
Benares New \$1.010 " "
Benares Old \$1.010 " "

February 22nd.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From February 25th to March 3rd, 1909.

| HIGH WATER. | | | | LOW WATER. | | | |
|-------------|-------|--------|-----------|------------|-------|--------|-----------|
| Date | Time | Height | Direction | Date | Time | Height | Direction |
| Thurs. 25 | 10.10 | 11.0 | in. | Thurs. 25 | 4.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Thurs. 26 | 11.10 | 11.0 | in. | Thurs. 26 | 5.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Fri. 27 | 12.10 | 11.0 | in. | Fri. 27 | 6.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sat. 28 | 1.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sat. 28 | 7.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sun. 29 | 2.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sun. 29 | 8.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Mon. 30 | 3.10 | 11.0 | in. | Mon. 30 | 9.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Tue. 31 | 4.10 | 11.0 | in. | Tue. 31 | 10.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Wed. 1 | 5.10 | 11.0 | in. | Wed. 1 | 11.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Thurs. 2 | 6.10 | 11.0 | in. | Thurs. 2 | 12.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Fri. 3 | 7.10 | 11.0 | in. | Fri. 3 | 1.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sat. 4 | 8.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sat. 4 | 2.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sun. 5 | 9.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sun. 5 | 3.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Mon. 6 | 10.10 | 11.0 | in. | Mon. 6 | 4.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Tue. 7 | 11.10 | 11.0 | in. | Tue. 7 | 5.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Wed. 8 | 12.10 | 11.0 | in. | Wed. 8 | 6.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Thurs. 9 | 1.10 | 11.0 | in. | Thurs. 9 | 7.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Fri. 10 | 2.10 | 11.0 | in. | Fri. 10 | 8.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sat. 11 | 3.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sat. 11 | 9.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sun. 12 | 4.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sun. 12 | 10.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Mon. 13 | 5.10 | 11.0 | in. | Mon. 13 | 11.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Tue. 14 | 6.10 | 11.0 | in. | Tue. 14 | 12.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Wed. 15 | 7.10 | 11.0 | in. | Wed. 15 | 1.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Thurs. 16 | 8.10 | 11.0 | in. | Thurs. 16 | 2.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Fri. 17 | 9.10 | 11.0 | in. | Fri. 17 | 3.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sat. 18 | 10.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sat. 18 | 4.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sun. 19 | 11.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sun. 19 | 5.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Mon. 20 | 12.10 | 11.0 | in. | Mon. 20 | 6.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Tue. 21 | 1.10 | 11.0 | in. | Tue. 21 | 7.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Wed. 22 | 2.10 | 11.0 | in. | Wed. 22 | 8.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Thurs. 23 | 3.10 | 11.0 | in. | Thurs. 23 | 9.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Fri. 24 | 4.10 | 11.0 | in. | Fri. 24 | 10.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sat. 25 | 5.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sat. 25 | 11.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sun. 26 | 6.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sun. 26 | 12.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Mon. 27 | 7.10 | 11.0 | in. | Mon. 27 | 1.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Tue. 28 | 8.10 | 11.0 | in. | Tue. 28 | 2.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Wed. 29 | 9.10 | 11.0 | in. | Wed. 29 | 3.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Thurs. 30 | 10.10 | 11.0 | in. | Thurs. 30 | 4.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Fri. 31 | 11.10 | 11.0 | in. | Fri. 31 | 5.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sat. 1 | 12.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sat. 1 | 6.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sun. 2 | 1.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sun. 2 | 7.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Mon. 3 | 2.10 | 11.0 | in. | Mon. 3 | 8.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Tue. 4 | 3.10 | 11.0 | in. | Tue. 4 | 9.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Wed. 5 | 4.10 | 11.0 | in. | Wed. 5 | 10.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Thurs. 6 | 5.10 | 11.0 | in. | Thurs. 6 | 11.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Fri. 7 | 6.10 | 11.0 | in. | Fri. 7 | 12.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sat. 8 | 7.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sat. 8 | 1.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sun. 9 | 8.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sun. 9 | 2.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Mon. 10 | 9.10 | 11.0 | in. | Mon. 10 | 3.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Tue. 11 | 10.10 | 11.0 | in. | Tue. 11 | 4.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Wed. 12 | 11.10 | 11.0 | in. | Wed. 12 | 5.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Thurs. 13 | 12.10 | 11.0 | in. | Thurs. 13 | 6.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Fri. 14 | 1.10 | 11.0 | in. | Fri. 14 | 7.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sat. 15 | 2.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sat. 15 | 8.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sun. 16 | 3.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sun. 16 | 9.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Mon. 17 | 4.10 | 11.0 | in. | Mon. 17 | 10.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Tue. 18 | 5.10 | 11.0 | in. | Tue. 18 | 11.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Wed. 19 | 6.10 | 11.0 | in. | Wed. 19 | 12.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Thurs. 20 | 7.10 | 11.0 | in. | Thurs. 20 | 1.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Fri. 21 | 8.10 | 11.0 | in. | Fri. 21 | 2.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sat. 22 | 9.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sat. 22 | 3.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sun. 23 | 10.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sun. 23 | 4.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Mon. 24 | 11.10 | 11.0 | in. | Mon. 24 | 5.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Tue. 25 | 12.10 | 11.0 | in. | Tue. 25 | 6.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Wed. 26 | 1.10 | 11.0 | in. | Wed. 26 | 7.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Thurs. 27 | 2.10 | 11.0 | in. | Thurs. 27 | 8.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Fri. 28 | 3.10 | 11.0 | in. | Fri. 28 | 9.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sat. 29 | 4.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sat. 29 | 10.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Sun. 30 | 5.10 | 11.0 | in. | Sun. 30 | 11.42 | 2.3 | ft. |
| Mon. 31 | 6.10 | 11.0 | in. | Mon. 31 | 12.42 | 2.3 | ft. |

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| Douglas Steamship Co., Limited | 20,000 | \$50 | all | \$34, buyers |
| Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd. | 80,000 | \$15 | \$15 | \$29, sal. & buy. |
| Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. | 60,000 | £5 | all | \$38, buyers |
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| Star Ferry Company, Limited | 10,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$23½ |
| | 10,000 | \$10 | \$5 | \$11. |
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| | 5,000 | | | |
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| United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited | 9,000 ordy | \$10 | \$10 | \$12½ |
| | 100 fders | \$10 | \$10 | \$230 |
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